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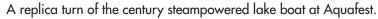
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What A Wonderful Summer It Was!

by Esther J. Perne







Some of the legendary Gawlers, smiling as always.

ummer of 2010: What a great weather summer! Cheerful weather comments became the standard greeting of the season. Some said the best weather summer they could ever remember. Others just said a mighty far sight better than you know when (last year)!

What an event-full summer! Music, theater, art, children's activities - mostly outdoors, casual, enriching, every day of the week, and almost always free. Some folks went to everything, some to nothing, but it was all there, and that was the best part - just knowing there was so much to do. What a fun summer! Neighborly, relaxed, inter-



generational. Sure there's anxiety "out there" but here the atmosphere of the season was let's enjoy - walk, jog, bike, take to the lakes, go to town, or don't go anywhere, and, yes, grab some time around a routine commute or work schedule to seize the summer.

What a fund-raising summer! People rallied to their cause, to someone else's cause. They bought tickets, bid up unique auction items, gave donations, made pledges, collected food, and books, and contributed items, baked goods, whatever it took - time especially - to all the many projects designed to meet money and material goals

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What an end-of-summer! Days sunny, lakes still swimmable, just a tinge of foliage, towns bustling, and return to fall routines with a lot of good memories of great summertime weather, events, fun...

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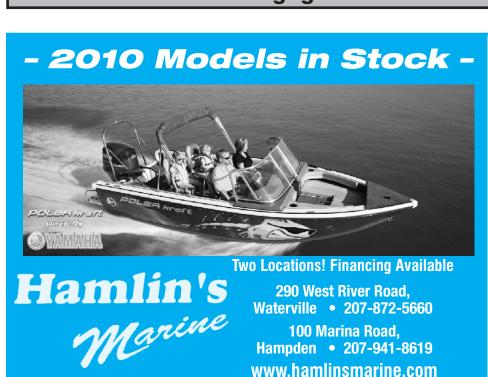






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Editorial

Doorways to Dreams: Proaction At Its Finest

contributing to the area economy, congrant funds provided by the Harold necting a sprawling watershed, setting Alfond Foundation. Constructiona leading-edge standard for a lake-rich wise, the goal is also early October, state, sending a message beyond?

ters are in the mail, key residents are ing before freeze-up weather arrives. holding fund-raisers, and everyone who has a vested interest (that's every-opportunity to be part of a resource one!) in enjoying, viewing, profiting that will benefit all the conservation from, freely accessing (that's everyone, needs of the region - water quality, too!) this region's lakes is invited to invasive plant management, youth learn about, support, and benefit from education, and enrichment activities? the grand new Maine Lake Resource Center that is close to reality.

raising campaign is in its public phase docks2doors@gmail.com or 512-5150. and encouraging contributions at all

That's it all about, this campaign levels to help meet the October 12 that is revitalizing a community, deadline for the \$450,000 matching provided the funds are raised, to com-People are talking, solicitation let- plete the outdoor segment of the build-

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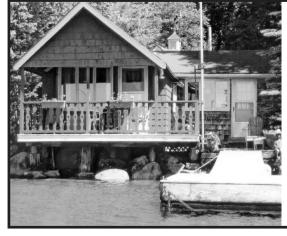


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native. In 1992 he graduated from Messalonskee High School in Oakland where both his parents were teachers for three decades. He attended Norwich University, a military academy in Vermont. And, he successfully followed his dream of a career in the military. In October 2009, he was killed in a mid-air collision off the coast of San Diego in a Marine training accident, an incident that received national head-

duty in Iraq and was expecting to go to held at Belgrade Lakes Golf Club on Sunday,

Afghanistan for a third tour of duty. His specialty was training new pilots, and mentoring all who had a passion to become military aviators. He enjoyed the life he chose and intended to make it a career. Being a marine was a decision he had made as early as age

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Day of Remembrance Blood Drive

 Please join the American Red Cross, Boston Red Sox, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and others to give the gift of life and learn to be Red Cross Ready on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Blood drives will be held across Red Sox nation, locally at the Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, off Route 27, 9 am-4 pm.

Donors will have chances to win a kayak and Red

Sox vs. Yankees tickets, and free non-certified CPR classes to the first 100 donors will be offered. Presenting donors and their guest will be treated to a "ball park experience" at the drive along with a preparedness expo featuring local emergency response teams. Presenting donors will receive a limited edition Red Sox t-shirt.

The goal? - 350 pints of life-saving blood. The American Red Cross supplies blood to all 39 hospitals in Maine. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs a transfusion.; 1 in 3 people will need transfusions in their lifetimes, yet only 5% of eligible Americans ever donate blood; one unit of blood can help save up to 3 lives. www.redcrossblood.org, 1-800-RED CROSS.



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Watershed Wisdom '

in this, our final column for the season, we will discuss **⊥**the most important component of aquatic systems-the water itself. It may sound obvious but what makes aquatic ecosystems possible is the unique chemistry and physics of dihydrogen monoxide or hydrogen oxide, more commonly known as water. Water has some unique qualities that we usually take for granted but which make life as we know it possible. It exists in solid (ice), liquid (water), and gas (water vapor) phases at normal ambient temperatures. These properties make possible the hydrologic cycle that drives our weather and fills our lakes with water

Water molecules are made up of two hydrogen atoms that are positively charged and an oxygen atom that is negatively charged. The hydrogen atoms are attached to the oxygen at an angle of about 105 degrees, which results in the surface charge of the molecule being unevenly distributed. This makes water a "polar" molecule that is a very powerful solvent. Known to chemists as the "universal solvent," water has the ability to dissolve at least some of almost anything. This means that it can easily dissolve things like oxygen, carbon dioxide and nutrients necessary for life. It also means water can dissolve contaminants from the soil and transport them to the nearest water body. The amount and complexity of salt in the oceans is testimony to water's ability to dissolve minerals from rocks.

Water's polarity also results in another property that drives many lake processes. Most substances increase in density uniformly as they cool and the solid phase of most materials is denser than the liquid phase. With water, the density increases as it cools but only until about 4oC (~39°F) when it reaches a maximum. At temperatures below that, the water molecules begin to align into a hexagonal structure held together by hydrogen bonds that freeze solid at 0oC (32°F). As a result, solid ice is lighter than liquid water and floats on top. This is the reason that our lakes freeze from the surface down instead of from the bottom up. If water were like most substances, with the solid phase denser than the liquid, lakes in Maine would freeze solid from the bottom up and there would be no refuge of liquid water in a lake for aquatic organisms to winter over without freezing solid.

The fact that water has a maximum density above freezing also results in "turnover" of the water in our lakes. In the fall, as air temperatures decrease, the warm

The Importance of Dihydrogen Monoxide

by Peter Kallin

water at the lake surface also cools. Because the cooler water is denser than the water below, it sinks until it reaches the level where it is no longer cooler than the surrounding water. This sinking water creates downward convective currents that both cool the water column and bring oxygen rich water from the surface to deeper depths. As the lake cools, eventually it reaches a point where the water is the same temperature (4°C) and density throughout and is well oxygenated from top to bottom. Because it is of uniform density, there is little resistance to mixing and the lake mixes easily with wind or flowing water currents. Cold water can dissolve more oxygen than warm water so this is the time of year when oxygen in the water column is maximized. As the surface water continues to cool below 4°C, the cooler water is less dense than the deeper water and the surface water stops mixing downward and eventually freezes, resulting in a protective insulating blanket that allows the rest of the lake to remain as liquid water through the winter.

In the spring, as the ice melts and the water warms, the lake again reaches a point where it is the same density throughout and easily mixed. Because of this, lakes in temperate regions like Maine turn over twice a year, in

spring and fall. Limnologists (scientists who study lakes) call these types of lakes "dimictic" lakes. This turnover ensures that the entire water column gets well oxygenated at least twice a year. In other parts of the world, the temperatures don't get cold enough to turn over deep lakes. In these lakes, which limnologists call "meromictic," the deep waters become anoxic and there is a permanent "dead zone" in which poison gases such as hydrogen sulfide can build up. Occasionally an unusual event such as an earthquake will disturb the stratification and the lake will belch poison gas such as Lake Nyos in Cameroon did in 1986, causing nearly 1,800 deaths. Next time you find yourself feeling like our cold Maine winters are a problem, think about what the cold is doing to help turn over our lakes and keep them healthy.

Hopefully these columns have provided you with some insight into lake processes and a better understanding of the issues involved in improving water quality. While waiting for your 2011 issue of "Summertime in the Belgrades," I invite you to visit our web site at www.belgradelakes.org. We have a lot of good information on watersheds posted there, including copies of all my Watershed Wisdom columns.

Conservation-

Belgrade Dam Draw Down **Begins Labor Day**

am draw downs on Great Pond and Long Pond, if the low water levels don't already meet state requirements, will begin after Labor Day and no later than September 10 to comply with the water management plan. The optimum draw down levels are as follows:

Great Pond - 1.5 to 2.0 feet below spillway Long Pond - 1.5 to 2.0 feet below spillway

For information on the draw down on Salmon Lake, please call the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258.

Somerset Annual Meeting 8/27

The Somerset County Soil & Water ▲ Conservation District's annual meeting will be held on Friday, August 27, at 6 pm at the Somerset Grange #18 in Norridgewock. In addition to speakers from NRCS and FSA, Somerset County SWCD will be honoring Jim Hilton, Hilton Farms, of Norridgewock as 2009 Outstanding Conservation Farm of the Year and Alan and Norma Bardo of Madison as 2009 Outstanding Woodlot Owners of the Year. The Somerset Grange will cater the event so the dinner is certain to be outstanding. The cost is \$10 per person. Call in advance so the Grange will have an accurate count, 474-8324, ext. 3 or email info@somersetswcd.org.

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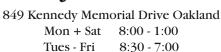
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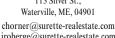


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- Art in the Capitol, unique monthly self-guided exhibits in the State House hallways (M-F 8-5), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30-4:30), 287-6719, Capitol Complex, State Street.
- Children's Discovery Museum, CDM, 622-2209, www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 171 Capitol Street.
- Danforth Gallery, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, University of Maine at Augusta, 621-3243, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday noon-5 pm. Route 27.
- Governor's Mansion, 1830 Blaine House, 287-2121, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, State Street.
- Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, Michael Klahr Center, 46 University Dr., University of Maine.
- Kennebec Historical Society, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, W-F 10-2, 107 Winthrop Street.
- Kennebec River Rail Trailhead, www.krrt.org, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, Water Street.
- Maine State Museum, 287-2301, www.mainestatemuseum.org Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, admission, State House Complex, State Street.
- **Museum of the Streets,** walking/history tour, downtown.
- Old Fort Western, 626-2385, www.oldfortwestern.org, 1-4 pm daily, admission, 16 Cony Street.
- Farmers' Market at Mill Park, 626-2305, Tuesday 2-6 pm, North Water Street.
- Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall, 549-5112, Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-1 pm, Western Avenue.

BELGRADE LAKES

- Great Pond Mailboat, 215-7520, Monday-Saturday, departs 10 am, Post Office, Main Street, Route 27.
- Spring Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 495-3113,

www.springgallerymaine.com, presented by Modern Art Foundry, Wednesday-Sunday 11 am-5 pm and by appointment, 81 Main Street, Route 27.

- The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com 1 Center Drive, off Route 27.
- Union Church Coffee House, 495-3599, last Saturday of month, 7:30 pm, \$5 donation, Main Street/Route 27.
- Farmers' Market, 465-7058, Sundays 8 am-1 pm, Thursdays 2-6 pm, www.belgradelakesfarmersmarket.org, Main Street/Route 27.

FAIRFIELD

- Fairfield Historical Society, 453-2998. www.fairfieldmehistoricalsociety.org Tuesdays 9 am-12, 1-4 pm. Cotton-Smith House, 42 High Street.
- Farmers' Market, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am- 1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Maine Street.

FARMINGTON

- Farmington Historical Society, 778-2835, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, 118 Academy Street.
- Nordica Homestead Museum, opera singer Lillian Nordica costumes, jewelry, career mementos, 778-2042, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-12 n and 1-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm, closed Monday, 116 Nordica Lane, off Routes 27/4.
- University of Maine Farmington (UMF) Art Gallery, 778-7002, Tuesday-Sunday noon-4 pm, free. 238 Main Street.
- Contra Dance, 491-9928, www.starleft.org second Saturday of the month, all welcome, 6:30-7:30 pm family dance, 8-11 pm regular dance, admission, Grange Hall, Bridge Street, Route 43, West Farmington.
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- Museum of the Streets, downtown history/walking tour.
- •Farmers' Market, 622-1350, Sunday 11 am-3 pm, north end of Water Street.

HINCKLEY

• L.C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley, 238-4250, www.gwh.org Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 1-4:30 pm, Route 201.

KINGFIELD

- Reinholt Fine Arts Gallery, 266-4656, 245 Main Street.
- Ski Museum of Maine, 8 am-5 pm Monday-Thursday, 8 am-6 pm Friday and Saturday, 491-5481, 256 Main Street.
- Stadler Gallery, 265-5025, 12-4 pm daily or by appointment. 225 Main Street.
- Stanley Museum, 265-2729, www.stanleymuseum.org, memorabilia/displays on Stanley Steamers, Tuesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 40 School Street.

LIVERMORE

• Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 18th-19th century mansion/farmstead/schoolhouse, 897-4366, www.norlands.org, admission, tours Tuesday-Saturday 1-4 pm, 40 School Street.

MADISON

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MONMOUTH

• Monmouth Museum, 933-2287,

www.monmouthmuseuminc.org Wednesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, shop open Thursday 5:30-8 pm, 751 Main Street.

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OAKLAND

- Macartney House Museum, Oakland Area Historical Society, 465-7549, Wednesday 1:30-4:30 pm. 1815 home with antique furnishings and Oakland artifacts, Main Street.
- Messalonskee Center for the Performing Arts, 465-9135, 131 Messalonskee Drive.

READFIELD

• Readfield Historical Society and Museum, 685-4662, Thursday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Readfield Depot.

Rome

- Mt. Philip Grange suppers, the third Saturday of the month, 4:30-6 pm, all you can eat beans, cornbread, rolls, chop suey, pies, Routes 135/225.
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- Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT), 873-7000, www.acattheatre.org. Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main Street.
- Museum of the Streets, downtown history/walking tour.
- Colby College Museum of Art, 859-5600, www.colby.edu/museum/ Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 12-4:30 pm, free, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill.
- Thomas College Art Gallery, 180 West River Road.
- Waterville Historical Society Redington Museum, 872-9439, www.redingtonmuseum.org. Tuesday-Saturday; tours at 10, 11, 1 and 2, 62 Silver Street.
- Waterville Opera House, 873-7000, www.operahouse.com, 93 Main Street.
- Farmers' Market, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.water-villefarmersmarket.org, The Concourse parking lot.

WAYNE

• Farmers' Market, 873-7000, http://waynefarmersmarket.week-ly.com. Saturdays 8:30-11 am, Town Green, next to the Post Office, Main Street.

WILTON

• Wilton Farm & Home Museum, 645-2261, 645-2360, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, Canal Street.

WINTHROP

- Norcross Park, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake, downtown.
- Farmers' Market, 215-7183, Tuesday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm, parking lot, downtown.

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- North Pond Association, 152 Madison Avenue, Skowhegan, ME 04976, 474-8988.
- McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association (MP/SL), RR 2 Box 2800, Belgrade, ME 04917. 465-3983.
- Great/Long Ponds: Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA), P.O. Box 551, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. www.belgradelakesassociation.com. 512-5150.
- Snow Pond/Messalonskee Lake Association, P.O. Box 532, Oakland, ME 04963, www.snowpond.org, 465-2888.
- Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) and BRCA Conservation Corps, P.O. Box 250, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
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- Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA), P.O. Box 426, Belgrade, ME 04917. 1-877-254-2511, www.mainecola.org
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- Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District, 107 Park Street, Farmington, ME 04938, 778-4279, www.franklin2swcd.org
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- •Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, 873-6443, www.KMTrails.org
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- 30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA), www.news.30mileriver.org
- Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation, P.O. Box 307, Wayne, ME 04284. www.androscogginlake.org
- Parker Pond Association, Mount Vernon/Vienna. www.parkerpond.org
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Thursday 8/26 through Sunday 8/29 – 35th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival, 14 live bands, extra large tent area, food concessions, camping, security on grounds, www.blisteredfingers.com, 873-6539, Litchfield Fairgrounds, Litchfield.

Thursday 8/26 through Sunday 8/29 - "Dracula," Lakewood Theater, 474-7176, Rt. 201, Madison.

Friday 8/27 through Monday 8/29 – Appaloosa Horse Show, Horse Show, free, open to the public, covered arena, concessions, family-oriented, 474-3621, Fairgrounds, Route 201/Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

Friday 8/27 through Sunday 8/29 - 5th Annual End of Summer Hoorah!, bikes, cars, fabulous food, music and more: Friday night - Texas Hold'Em Tourney, cash bar, game food; Saturday - Annual Motorcycle Raffle Run, End of Summer Hoorah! Party with pig roast, DJ and more, cash bar, breakfast available, open to the public, rain or shine; Sunday - Annual Car/Bike Show, DJ, chicken BBQ, Awards Presentation, open to the public, rain or shine, 778-4215, all events held at the Farmington Fairgrounds, Farmington.

Friday 8/27 and Saturday 8/28 - Lions Yard Sale, household, recreational, yard items, and quality clothing for children and adults, all proceeds go to local Lions Club charities, under cover, 8 am-4 pm, 692-2493, Hubbard Street, between Water Street and Center Street, Oakland.

Friday 8/27 - Birdie Googins a.k.a. "The Marden's Lady," down home humor, sponsored by the Friends of the Belgrade Public

Library, \$12 adults, \$5 children 6-12, free age five and under, 7 pm, 495-2286, The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/28 – Public Breakfast, breakfast casseroles, bacon, hash browns, baked beans, juice, coffee, tea, milk and cereal, fresh fruit, and homemade baked goods, 8-9:30 am, \$7 each adult, \$3 children 10 years of age or younger, Union Church, Route 27, downtown Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/28 - Fine Art and Craft Show, hosted by Designing Women, high quality and beautifully handcrafted pottery, handbags, glasswork, handwoven clothing and accessories, home accents, stained glass, sculptural ceramic art, \$2 donation and lunch/refreshment proceeds to benefit Winthrop's Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, 582-7985, Longfelllow's Greenhouse, 81 Puddledock Road, Manchester.

Saturday 8/28 – "Living in a Seashell," Children's Program, 10 am, \$1, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 8/28 - Barks in the Park, dog lovers day, dog events, demonstrations and a walk down to the Gardiner Waterfront to promote Gardiner as a dog friendly community and to get the word out about some of the dog rescue groups in the area, displays by rescue groups, vendors, an agility trainer, and the Maine State Police K9 unit will be in attendance, 10 am begins, 11 am Costume Parade, activities until 3 pm, 582-3100, Gardiner Common, Gardiner.

Saturday 8/28 - Lions Lobster Dinner, \$10 for 1 lobster, corn, potato, dessert, and drink, \$18 for twin lobsters dinner, eat at picnic table or take out, all proceeds go to local Lions Club charities, 11:30 am till gone, 465-2753, Hubbard Street, between Water Street and Center Street, Oakland.

Saturday 8/28 - Make-A-Movie Film Festival film presentation to the public and awards ceremony, see the amateur movie-maker results of August 20-22 Make-A-Movie in 48 hours weekend, 6-8 pm, 462-0613, Schoolhouse, North Wayne.

Saturday 8/28 – Union Coffeehouse presents

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Sunday 8/29 through Monday 9/6 – The Windsor Fair, extensive agricultural, art/crafts exhibits, midway, animal pull events, harness racing, food booths, historical section, www.windsorfair.com, 549-7121, Windsor.

Sunday 8/29 - Snow Pond/Messalonskee Lake Association Annual Meeting, update on Milfoil Mania results, planned milfoil mitigation and control activities,4 pm, 465-2888, Trustees Hall, New England Music Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 8/29 – "After Six," Coburn Park Concert, 5-6:15 pm, free, donations accepted toward The Main Street Skowhegan project, bring lawn chairs and blankets, 474-0527, Coburn Park Bandstand, Route 2, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Monday 8/30 - Community Day, talent show, skatepark competition, rock wall, pony rides, games, demonstrations, food, free event, 474-6901, sponsored by Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department, West Front Street, Skowhegan.

Monday 8/30 - Old Crow Band, 7-9 pm, Gazebo, Meetinghouse Park, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 8/31 - Seminole Wind, Music in the Park, end of Summer Concert Series, free, 11:30 am-1 pm, 778-3424, Gazebo, Meeting House Park, Downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 8/31 - "Harvesting and Food Safety," information that will help make the most of the garden's bounty, free, refreshments will be served, 6-7:30 pm, 942-7396, Rogers Farm Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, sponsored by University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Farmington.

Tuesday 8/31 – Rock on the River, free music series, 7-8:30 pm, Boardwalk on the Kennebec River, Water Street, Hallowell.

Tuesday 8/31 - Movie Night outdoors, at dusk, 495-2205, behind Day's Store, Main Street,

downtown Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 9/1 through Monday 11/1 - "Back to School" exhibit, Wednesday-Friday 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, Kennebec Historical Society, 107 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Wednesday 9/1 through Saturday 9/4 – "Dracula," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 9/2 - Opening of "One of a Kind: an Exhibition of Unique Prints," handmade by six Maine artists ranging in styles from realism to abstraction, 5-8 pm, 622-3813, The Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

Thursday 9/2 - Vishten, four young musicians playing in the Louisiana tradition, 7:30 pm, \$20, 948-SHOW, Unity Centre for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot Street, Unity.

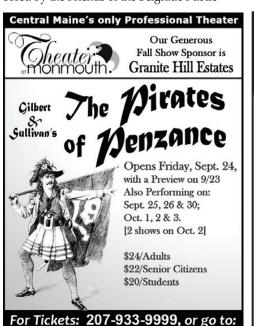
Friday 9/3 through Sunday 9/5 - "Born Yesterday," classic comedy by Garson Kanin, also 9/9-11, 626-3698, Gaslight Theater, City Hall, Winthrop Street, Hallowell.

Friday 9/3 through Monday 9/6 – Maine Quarter Horse Show, free, open to public, covered arena, concessions/food nearby, 474-3621, Fairgrounds, Route 201/Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

Saturday 9/4 - Merrymeeting Bay Paddle, 7:30-11:30 am, participants must bring own boat and possess at least intermediate paddling skills, PFDs required, free and open to the public, pre-registration required, Anne Hammond 442-8535, Outside 2010 program, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay.

Saturday 9/4 – 5K Race for the Lakes, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, \$15 pre-registration by 8/26, \$18 day of race, visit www.belgradelakes.org to register, 495-6039, 8 am, Camp Runoia, Point Road, Belgrade.

Sunday 9/5 - The Samuel C. Leigh Memorial Golf Tournament, to provide scholarship assistance to Messalonskee School District students, four person scramble, 2 pm, Belgrade Lakes Golf Club, Belgrade Lakes.



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Monday 9/6 - Oosoola Days, parade, fun, frog jumping contests, booths, food, family events, boat landing, 10 am-2 pm, Oosoola Park, Route 2, Norridgewock.

Tuesday 9/7 - Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Annual Meeting and Dinner, 5:30 pm, reservation required 495-6039, Alden Camps, Route 225, Oakland.

Wednesday 9/8 through Wednesday 10/13 -Prenatal Yoga Classes, sponsored by Inland Hospital, 873-0571, Champions Fitness Club, 30 Elm Plaza, Waterville.

Wednesday 9/8 - "The Evening Pond," Wednesday Night at the Museum Family Program, 6:30 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 9/9 through Sunday 9/12 – "Who's Under Where," comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.



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Conservation Alert —

Director of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) of the variable leaf milfoil infestation in the Great Meadow Stream Outlet on Great Pond's North Bay. Three days of hand pulling by roughly a dozen volunteers from several of the Belgrade lakes removed 230 gallons of milfoil; Kallin anticipates another three days of pulling, the installment of two benthic barriers, and basically a "wait and see" approach to determine how fast the milfoil is spreading.

First discovered in July of this year in Great Meadow Stream just south of the Route 225 bridge on the Smithfield/Rome line, the milfoil infestation appeared to be limited. Not until the actual pulling took place the last week in August was the extent of the milfoil discovered - described by some of the pullers as presenting an extensive spread of 20 by 30 foot mats well into the mouth of Great Pond - beyond what pullers can do.

According to Kallin, although the Great Meadow Stream area is checked periodically for milfoil, the problem is identification. Three or four native mil-

Volunteers needed to survey the Great Bog Stream for invasive plants on Tuesday, August 24, at 8 am at the North Pond Boat Landing. Questions? Contact Linda Rice at lindarice74@yahoo.com



Milfoil Infestation On Great Pond



foil species inhabit the area and variable leaf closely resembles them.

It also can appear similar to the native plant blatterwort on the surface. Not until it forms mats that block out these other plants is it positively identified in marshy areas such as North Bay. The other factor that inhibits identification in this area is the silt on the bottom which is easily disturbed and prevents visibility.

Kallin speculates that the infestation may have occurred when a boat with milfoil on it (perhaps from Lake Messalonskee) may have put in at the Route 225 bridge. The access point is a popular, unmonitored site that comes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation and would be difficult to close

As the Great Meadow Stream infestation is targeted for more pulling, and as invasive plant surveys are scheduled for boat landings and susceptible areas throughout the Belgrades, the need for more volunteers is a serious priority. The hard-working team that showed up on Great Pond had one volunteer from that lake, four from East Pond, one from North Pond, two from Salmon Lake, one from Messalonskee, a student from Russia, and Pete Kallin and Corrine Dawson from the BRCA. Definitely, more people are needed. To help, please contact the BRCA at 495-6039.

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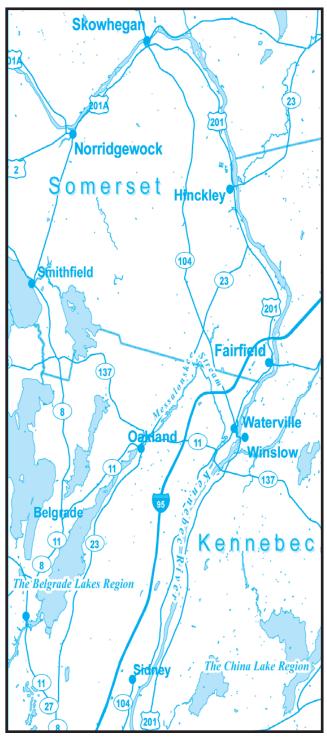


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The main attraction for the day is the famous Frog Races – bring your own, or buy one. The last chance to sign up for the Frog Races is usually 12:30 pm. The Children's Frog Race is at 1 pm; the Adult Frog Race at 2 pm. The number of heats and jump-offs will depend on the number of entries. Everyone gets a ribbon.

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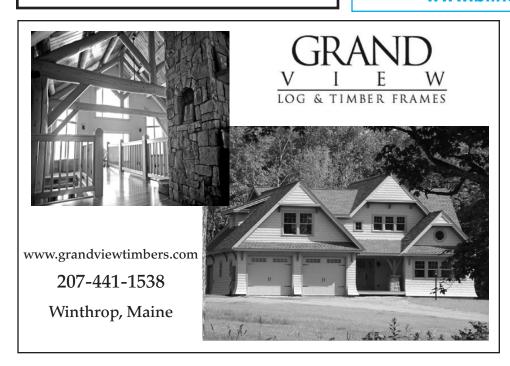
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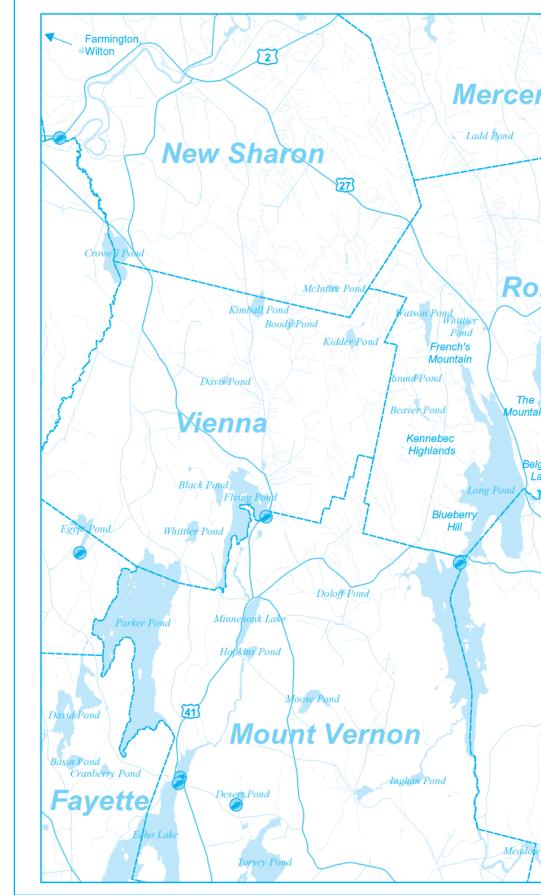
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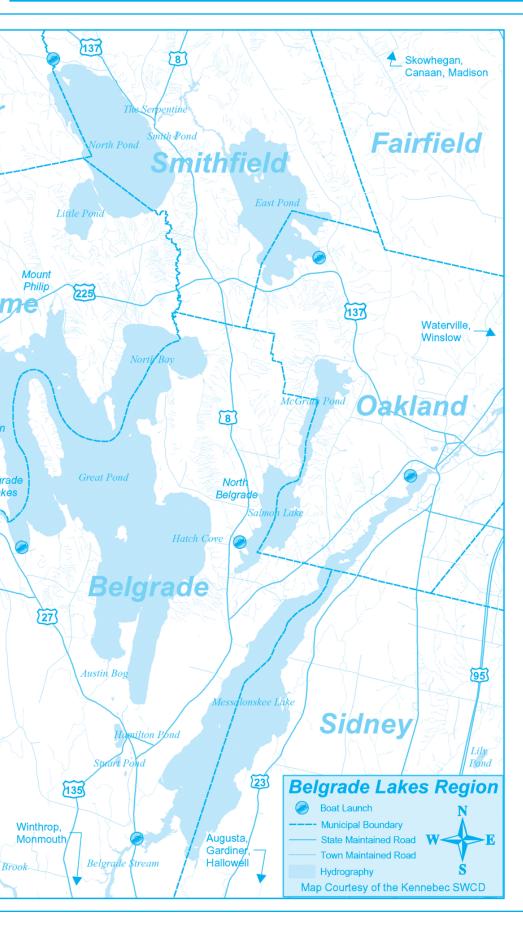
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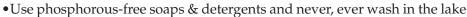
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 - •Keep camp roads and driveways in good shape
- Pump septic systems regularly & replace faulty



- Eliminate the use of garden products with phosphorus
- •Best of all, sign up for a LakeSmart Visit!

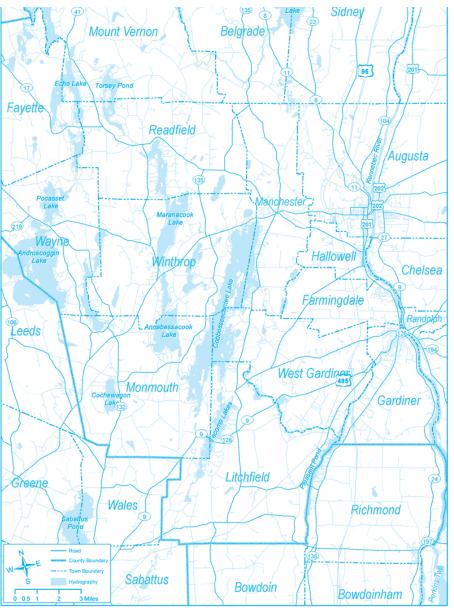
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Cobbossee Corner

"Spotter's Sprint" Canoe & Kayak Paddle a Hit!



Two-year-old Webber Sylvester, son of Nate Sylvester and Nicky Mathieu of Hallowell, was the winner of this year's "Friends Kayak Raffle". The kayak, generously donated by L.L. Bean, raised over \$3,500 in support of the Friends' educational programs.

The 1st annual "Spotter's Sprint" Canoe & Kayak Paddle, offered by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, took place on Sunday, August 15. Held at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake, this family-friendly event attracted 40 participants along with dozens of family members and other spectators cheering from the shoreline.

With 30 different categories, this year's over-



Entries to the 1st Annual "Spotter's Sprint" ready themselves at the starting line.

all winner was a massive 38' "War Canoe", paddled by 12 members of the Hickey family from West Gardiner, who completed the one and a half mile course in just over 15 minutes. Following the race, participants and spectators were treated to a full BBQ lunch provided by YMCA staff members.

Sponsored by Sprague & Curtis Real Estate and Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union, next year's race should be even bigger and better. Stay tuned!

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Expressions —— 🔏



Art and Craft Show at Longfellow's 8/28

Love of Maine Ingrained

y family has vacationed in the Belgrade Lakes region since the 1950s. When my husband and I retired, we moved to Maine permanently. Our family visits every year as the love of the area is ingrained into their hearts. Below is a poem written by our granddaughter showing this love.........Carol Heller, Oakland

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Brianna Gowans Age 9 Designing Women, a non-profit volunteer corporation that works directly with organizations that benefit women and girls in local communities, will hold their only central Maine show this year at Longfellow's Greenhouses, 81 Puddledock Road, Manchester on Saturday, August 28, from 9:30 am-4:30 pm.

Over twenty female artists and craftswomen will display their high quality and beautifully hand-crafted pottery, handbags, glasswork, handwoven clothing and accessories, home accents, stained glass, and sculptural ceramic art. Items will range in size and price. The suggested \$2 door donation and all lunch/refreshment proceeds will be donated to Winthrop's Sexual Crisis and Support Center, which provides free and confidential services, support, advocacy, education and community collaboration to Kennebec, Somerset, Knox and Waldo Counties. http://www.silentnomore.org.

Designing Women was established by female artisans from New England in 1991 to bridge art and the community by sponsoring shows that benefit local nonprofit services that support women and families. Attending this show is a great way to support local artisans and benefit a wonderful community cause. For more information about Designing Women visit http://designingwomen.org.



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Conservation Too -

or those still around camp, now might be the time to build a buffer so it is ready to do its job next spring and summer. It will even be helpful in this fall's rain. Honest, we will be getting some rain! Remember to keep in mind that the primary object of the riparian buffer is to intercept and treat the water flowing off your property and into the lake or stream. If you want it to look pretty or become a landscaping feature of your property, that is only secondary. It's all about water quality!

In some cases it may not require planting anything. Use the existing trees, shrubs and ground cover. Determine where the water is flowing off buildings, parking areas and pathways. Create some Erosion Control Mulch [ECM] berms, maybe add some stonework and divert the runoff through some filter areas of vegetation out into the woods.

Perhaps you have a pathway to the shore which also serves as the primary route for the water runoff cutting through your property. This is a very common scenario. Move the pathway and construct a thick garden or large mulched area to intercept the water. But... it is a camp and people still take the shortest route from the porch/patio to the water. Create a mulched area and

The Final 2010 'Buffer Story'

by Dale Finseth

garden with thick and wide ECM. Then created a bridge area. Stabilize the soils and then protect your planting or other defined walkway over the top. Make it a landscaping element. You still have the shortest pathway, but it will not become a ditch. The raised berm can serve to intercept the water and seem to create a landscaping feature. Add some plants with thorns and you can force people to stay on the path and not trample the water runoff interceptor. [I am a big advocate of thorny plants to control the human penchant for trampling and compacting the soils].

So, maybe you want to plant something and create a garden. It takes some work by either you or someone else. Use hardy spreading shrubs that match the soils you have. Or, you may need to add soil and compost to your area to support plants. Select plants that like our weather. Just because you only summer in Maine, remember the plants need to live here all year. Use plants that do not require much maintenance and care unless you are prepared to do gardening. Use plants that do not need regular watering. If you are not around camp for a week or two, you don't want them to die. Create your garden buffer so it catches the water running towards the shoreline. That may mean creating a crescent shape that catches the water coming off the

from getting washed away in rainstorms or next spring's freshet. A good looking garden doesn't protect water quality if it isn't located properly. Remember the goal!!! The buffers need to intercept and filter the water.

Contact your local lake association or the Kennebec Soil & Water Conservation District for assistance or information on buffers. Check out the Maine DEP website for excellent information about buffers, plant selection, and designing gardens and other landscape features that will help you protect water quality. http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docwatershed/materials.htm which has a great list of "fact sheets". They have great reference material that is relatively easy to understand and helpful for the homeowner. Visit a nursery that may have examples of plantings. If you plan to have others do the work, these reference materials will help you understand your options. It also helps you understand how those options may get installed and how they will impact the way you use your property.

Articles contributed by the Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District in Augusta who can be contacted at the District office on 21 Enterprise Street at 207-622-7847 x 3 or check our website at www.kcswcd.org

Upcoming -

- Fiber College on Penobscot Bay knitting, felting, weaving, embroidery, spinning, quilting, basket making, rug hooking, woodworking and much more - will be held September 9-12 at Searsport Shores Ocean Camping. 548-6059.
- The 4th Annual Hill 'n the Ville Music Festival will take place on Saturday, September 11, 12:30-7 pm, Head of Falls, Downtown Waterville. Free admission, rain or shine. 680-2055.
- Farmington's monthly Contra Dance will be held on Saturday, September 11 at the Farmington Grange. Family Dance - 6:30-7:30 pm; Regular Contra with Kim Roberts calling 8-10:30 pm. All dancers welcome, no partner necessary. 491-9928.
- "Remembering Muriel," A celebration of Muriel Havenstein and her beloved swing music, by her friends: Ralph Norris (sax), John Hunter (bass), Gary Gemmiti (drums), and Gerry Wright (piano), will be held on Sunday, September 26 at 2 pm at Jewett Hall, University of Maine at Augusta. 621-3551.
- The Third Annual Autumn Auction to benefit the

Kennebec Valley YMCA will be held on Saturday, October 2 at 5 pm. Donate or attend. 626-3488.

- The Belgrade Octoberfest, sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Regional Business Group, will be held Saturday, October 9, starting at 11 am. Events include pumpkins, food, wagon rides, entertainment, children's activities and more. 495-3481.
- October events at the Mt. Philip Grange, Route 225 in Rome include the Monthly Bean Supper, October 16, 4:30-6 pm and the Halloween Party "Monster Mayhem!", October 30, 6:30-8 pm - - show off your costume, activities, prizes and goodies!



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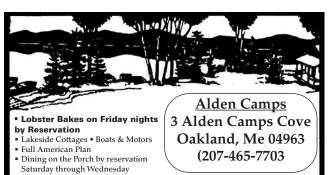
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the alpacas, a Pumpkin Patch for the kids. Foliage will

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• September 15 is the deadline to register for the

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— Town by Town —

Augusta

• The Kennebec Historical Society has scheduled a Field Trip to Wayne, Sunday, September 12, presented by Wayne historians Betsy Connor Bowen, Eloise Ault, and Edward L. Kallop, Jr. The presentation will be held at the North Wayne School House at 1 pm. 622-7718.

Belgrade

• In a recent ceremony, town officials honored Robert G. Martin with a plaque recognizing over 34 years on the Town of Belgrade's Board of Appeals, with over 30 years as its Chairperson. Martin was noted for his fairness and exemplary role model. Several friends and family members attended the ceremony.

Greene

• The September-October schedule at the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial will be as follows: September 10, Alaska travelogue presented by John Holod; September 24, musician Denny Breau; October 8, New Mexico travelogue presented by Fran Reidelberger; October 22, Phil House pianist and Kathy Haley vocalist. All programs are on Friday at 2 pm and 7 pm. Free and open to the public. 946-5311.

Oakland

• The Lions Yard Sale, Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28 is accepting donations in good condition and tagged with price. Also drop off donations of eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. Glasses and hearing aids will be recycled for qualifying Maine residents and for those in need in developing nations. Cell phones will be reconditioned and programmed for 911 calls for at-risk individuals and families in Maine. 692-2493.

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Four Season Garden Center

winter of 2007-2008.

To learn about bees in Maine, contact the Maine State Beekeepers Association. The association's Annual Meeting will be held October 16 in Portland. Also, Swarm Season is here. Under Honey Bee Swarms and Removal on the web site is a list of Honey Bee Swarm Catchers. www.mainebeekeepers.org

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----- Fishing -

Low Water Levels and Bear Talk

by Mike Guarino



Stanley and Charlie Seligman of Ohio enjoyed some amazing smallmouth bass fishing on Tuesday last week. The bass were in 25 feet of water, but feeding near the surface early in the morning.

ow water levels are causing fishermen to scratch their heads and bump their props and skegs all around the Belgrades this month. As water temperatures continue to stay above normal and water levels continue to drop, fishermen are scrambling to adapt to the changing conditions. However, there is a lot of good news and great fishing stories to be heard as August winds down. One of the best success stories has to be northern pike trolling on Great, Long and Snow Ponds. The warm water has compelled fishermen to focus more on trolling this summer, forcing them to cover deeper water where the fish and the bait are congregating. The magic number seems to be 25 feet of water. That's where many of the bigger fish are being caught and the key seems to be trolling really big Rapala and Yo-Zuri minnows. Around dusk however, the bigger pike move shallow looking for an easy meal. Casting large frog imitation baits can certainly draw the big boys out of the weeds.

There are a number of advantages to low water For example, last week I floated the Kennebec River. We had a canoe, a kayak, and a 14-foot Polar Kraft Jon Boat with a kicker motor. The day started out awesome. If you've ever floated the Kennebec River, you know what I mean by "awesome"; there is just something special about sunrise on the big river. We saw lots of different birds including eagles, osprey, a zillion ducks of every make and model, blue herons, a yellow tailed hawk, and one bird of prey that looked like a peregrine falcon. We could see the striped feathers down his legs but I couldn't get a photo of him. It was frustrating, but in my defense, they are REAL-LY fast fliers! So, in addition to the bird life, the river levels were as low as I'd ever seen them. So, fishing structure that we'd casted on 1,000 times before became much more obvious. We could see ledges and huge rocks where we'd caught fish in the past, only now the structure was exposed. What fun, exploring my favorite river, but seeing her in a whole new light. The best part is that September and especially October are the best months to float and fish the Kennebec. I can't wait to see the amazing foliage highlight the shores this

Black bear talk: Many people I meet along my travels in the Belgrades ask me questions about the

same topic. Are there bears around here? Should we be worried about bears? Do you carry pepper spray? Etc. etc. Well, the honest answer is twofold. Yes we have bears here, and yes, they won't bother you. How's that for a politically correct (and grammatically challenged) answer? Being Politically Correct isn't really my specialty; however when it comes to writing about Maine black bears, it's best to take a conservative approach. They are an interesting topic and the conversation gets more attention-grabbing depending on who you talk with. For example, Maine has a bear baiting season where people hunt bears in September over man-placed baits. It's a hot topic for discussion, but it's also big business about an hour north of here all the way into the North Country. Some outfitters like Bob Howe at Pine Grove Lodge lease bait sites during the prehunting season in August to photographers and nature watchers who would like to get close to a Maine bear. That's genius! They put out trail cameras that snap automatic photos of the bears as they approach the bait. After identifying that the site is being hit by a sow with cubs, Bob allows non-hunters to sit in the stand and view the bears. If you've ever seen a sow and cubs in the woods, you know exactly how exhilarating the experience can be. All this information leads me to the following e-mail received on August 20. It read, "I was having problems with my new TV, so I was talking to tech support. I happened to look out at the back yard and walking out of the woods comes the biggest bear I have ever seen. He's so fat his sides waddle. He was headed for the bird feeder so I went out on the back deck and hollered at him. He calmly walked right by me and vanished into the woods in the front of the house. The good news is my TV is still under warranty and they're going to fix it, not to mention the bear wasn't interested in me either. Wheeuu!!" This just goes to show that every day is an adventure and you never know what memories will be made in a moment's notice. Good Luck!

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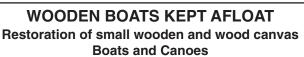
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Business

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Brownies and apples and a scenic rural setting...what a great destination for a fall drive. In June, Maine's nationally recognized gourmet brownie company, the mother-daughter owned Simply Divine Brownies moved its baking operations from Freeport to the Apple Shed Bakery at Kents Hill. The move was a welcome change for owner Trina Beaulier. She had bought the Apple Shed, which had been owned by the Drake family for 35 years, last fall and had been driving daily from Mount Vernon to Freeport. Now the brownie production, as well as the apple pies baked in the tradition of Corrine Drake, cupcakes and dinner entrees, are all produced at the Apple Shed.

To date the new Simply Divine Brownies Apple Shed Bakery has been flooded with customers, even in what is typically the bakery's slow season. In addition, last month Simply Divine Brownies opened new retail spaces near L.L. Bean in Freeport which Trina's daughter Meggen runs and which have also seen heavy traffic.

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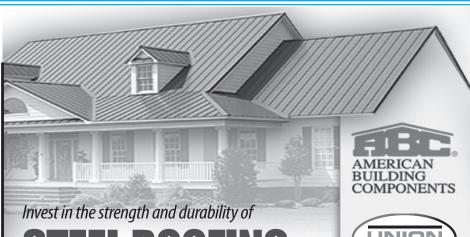


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